LOVE MEMOIRS TAKEN FROM TRUE LIFE!

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I DARED TO DREAM

DON'T CRY MY HEART

AS TRUE AS LIFE!
DON'T MISS
"MY SECRET LOVE!"

YOU FOOL! YOU'VE PICKED THE WRONG MAN!

DON'T SAY THAT, CARL! DON'T EVER SAY IT AGAIN!

TELL HER THE TRUTH, CARL! OR DO YOU WANT *ME* TO DO IT FOR YOU?!

HOW "MINI-GYM" TURNS DATELESS DOROTHY INTO DAZZLING DOTTY!

OH, STOP WORRYING, MOM! I'M SO TIRED, I DIDN'T WANT TO GO TO THE DANCE ANYWAY, EVEN IF BILL HAD ASKED ME!
NONSENSE, DOROTHY! I JUST WISH YOU'D STOP LOOKING AND ACTING LIKE A SICK KITTEN! WHY, WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE...
HEY, BILL! WHERE'D YOU GET THAT NIFTY GIRL YOU HAD AT THE DANCE LAST NIGHT? THOUGHT YOU WERE ALL SET TO DRAG DOROTHY AS USUAL!
DRAG IS RIGHT, HARRY! FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO START STEPPING WITH LIVE WIRES LIKE WINNIE! CAN SHE DANCE — AND DOES SHE FILL OUT A DRESS IN THE RIGHT PLACES!
OH!
SOB! SOB! I CAN'T STAND WORKING HERE! NOT ANOTHER HOUR, MISS SIMMONS! I'D RATHER DIE!
RUNNING AWAY WON'T HELP, DOROTHY. BUT THIS 'MINI-GYM' AD WILL! SEE, YOU GET YOUR MONEY BACK IF IT DOESN'T GIVE YOU THE PEP AND PERSONALITY TO MAKE GOOD HERE! YES, AND WITH BILL, TOO!
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OKAY, MOM, I'LL BE DOWN TO BREAKFAST IN A SECOND! I JUST WANT TO DO JOE BONOMO'S TRICKY EXERCISE 10 AGAIN. IT'S SUCH FUN! I REMEMBER HOW I USED TO HATE EXERCISE?
SO DID I, BUT NOT SINCE YOU GOT MINI-GYM! I'M SO HAPPY OVER THE 5 POUNDS I'VE LOST USING IT ONLY 10 MINUTES A DAY!
TWO MONTHS LATER...
AW, PLEASE, DOROTHY! YOU PROMISED ME A DANCE AN HOUR AGO!
SCRAM, BILL! DAZZLING DOTTY'S MY GIRL TONIGHT!
WHY, BILL! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU AND "WINNIE THE LIVE WIRE"?
BUT BILL, YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE KIDNAPPED ME FROM THE DANCE LIKE THIS! WHAT WILL HARRY THINK?
TO HECK WITH HARRY! YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY ME! YOU'LL BE WEARING MY RING AS SOON AS THE STORES OPEN TO-MORROW! SO SAY "YES" FAST, DOTTY!

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"DON'T CRY, MY HEART!"

THERE WAS ONLY ONE CHOICE I COULD MAKE... BUT I KNEW IT WOULD BRING ME MISERY AND UNHAPPINESS FOREVER!
BRAD, DARLING! I'M THE WOMAN YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR! I WAS WITH THE KILLER THAT HORRIBLE NIGHT!
WHAT? YOU... CAROL? THE GIRL I LOVE?
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I WATCHED BRAD MARKHAM CHARM THE JURY IN THIS, HIS MOST IMPORTANT CASE--BUT I KNEW HIS CAUSE WAS LOST! HOW COULD HE WIN, WHEN I KNEW THE ONE PIECE OF EVIDENCE HE NEEDED... AND I COULD NOT GIVE IT TO HIM?
AND SO, GENTLEMEN, THE PROSECUTION INTENDS TO PROVE THE DEFENDANT GUILTY OF -- MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!
I COULDN'T LET BRAD SEE ME DURING THE RECESS... I NEEDED TIME TO THINK THIS OUT-- ALONE! CHOKING BACK MY TEARS, I RUSHED FROM THE COURTROOM...
OH, BRAD...BRAD DARLING! I'LL LEAVE JUST AS SOON AS THE CASE GOES TO THE JURY-- I'LL WALK OUT OF YOUR LIFE ALTOGETHER! IT'S THE ONLY WAY... AND PERHAPS SOMEDAY YOU'LL REALIZE THAT I DID IT ONLY BECAUSE I LOVE YOU SO!
MY THOUGHTS FLASHED BACK TO THE WONDERFUL EVENING BRAD GAVE ME MY ENGAGEMENT RING! AND THEN AS WE DANCED AT BRUNO'S, HE SURPRISED ME AGAIN...
AND I'VE ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR YOU, DARLING--I'VE JUST BEEN NAMED STATE'S PROSECUTOR IN THE MALLARD CASE!
...THE MALLARD CASE? OH, NO, BRAD... NO! NOT THAT CASE, PLEASE!
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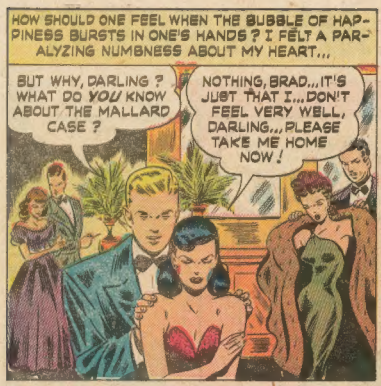
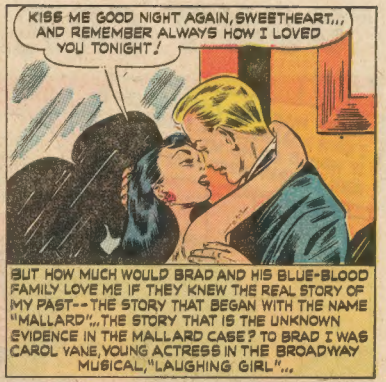
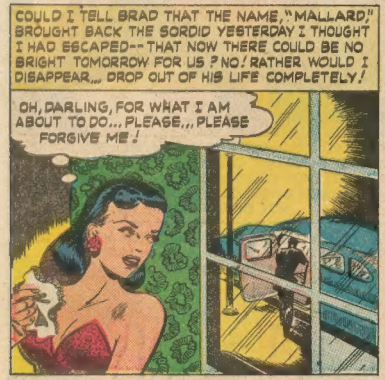

HOW SHOULD ONE FEEL WHEN THE BUBBLE OF HAPPINESS BURSTS IN ONE'S HANDS ? I FELT A PARALYZING NUMBNESS ABOUT MY HEART...
BUT WHY, DARLING ? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MALLARD CASE ?
NOTHING, BRAD... IT'S JUST THAT I... DON'T FEEL VERY WELL, DARLING... PLEASE TAKE ME HOME NOW !


KISS ME GOOD NIGHT AGAIN, SWEETHEART... AND REMEMBER ALWAYS HOW I LOVED YOU TONIGHT !
BUT HOW MUCH WOULD BRAD AND HIS BLUE-BLOOD FAMILY LOVE ME IF THEY KNEW THE REAL STORY OF MY PAST -- THE STORY THAT BEGAN WITH THE NAME "MALLARD"... THE STORY THAT IS THE UNKNOWN EVIDENCE IN THE MALLARD CASE ? TO BRAD I WAS CAROL VANE, YOUNG ACTRESS IN THE BROADWAY MUSICAL, "LAUGHING GIRL"...


COULD I TELL BRAD THAT THE NAME, "MALLARD," BROUGHT BACK THE SORDID YESTERDAY I THOUGHT I HAD ESCAPED -- THAT NOW THERE COULD BE NO BRIGHT TOMORROW FOR US ? NO ! RATHER WOULD I DISAPPEAR... DROP OUT OF HIS LIFE COMPLETELY !
OH, DARLING, FOR WHAT I AM ABOUT TO DO... PLEASE... PLEASE FORGIVE ME !

BUT I HAD TO SEE THE FACE I ADORED JUST ONCE MORE BEFORE I FADED FROM HIS WORLD ! NEXT MORNING I WATCHED HIM AS HE WENT TO WORK...
BRAD, MY SWEET... OH ! HE'S COMING IN HERE... HE MUSTN'T SEE ME !
HANKS

HOTEL EMPRESS ? MISS CAROL VANE, PLEASE... YES... WHAT ??? CHECKED OUT ? BUT THAT'S... NO FORWARDING ADDRESS ? I SEE ! VERY WELL... THANK YOU...
OH DEAR !

NOW BRAD WAS FREE ! HE'D LOSE THE MALLARD CASE, BUT HE'D WIN OTHERS -- HE'D BE A SUCCESS, UNHAMPERED BY A WIFE WITH A SHADY PAST ! AND I WAS FREE TOO -- FREE TO RETURN TO MY MISERABLE YESTERDAY...
MALLARD... SPIKE MALLARD ! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN I'D NEVER GET AWAY FROM YOU !

I'D ALWAYS BEEN A STAGE-STRUCK KID, DREAMING ROSY FUTURES OF A WORLD OF GREASE PAINT AND OPENING NIGHTS ON BROADWAY! AT FIRST I TOOK ANY KIND OF JOB TO PAY FOR DRAMATIC LESSONS...

CAR-HOP?

COMING, SIR!

DRIVE-IN GRILLE

I SUPPOSE MY CAREER ACTUALLY STARTED THE DAY A PARTICULARLY FLASHY CONVERTIBLE STOPPED AT THE DRIVE-IN GRILLE WHERE I WORKED!

YOUR ORDER, SIR?

HMM! NICE DISH,..OH! YOU MEAN *FOOD!*

WE WERE PRETTY BUSY, AND I DIDN'T PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THIS PARTICULAR CUSTOMER UNTIL...

MAE,..LOOK! HE LEFT ME A TEN DOLLAR TIP,.. FOR ONLY A HAMBURGER AND COKE!

HAH! HE CAN AFFORD IT, KID! THAT WAS SPIKE MALLARD--AND FROM THE LOOK OF THINGS, I'D SAY HE GOES FOR YOU! BUT,..BE CAREFUL!

I HARDLY HEARD MAE'S WARNING--OR REMEMBERED IT--WHEN I FOUND SPIKE MALLARD WAITING FOR ME AFTER WORK THAT EVENING...

WHY,..MR. MALLARD!

OH, YOU KNOW ME? GOOD! LET ME DRIVE YOU HOME?

A GIRL SHOULD REFUSE A LIFT LIKE THAT--BUT I DIDN'T! AND, DESPITE THE THINGS I HEARD ABOUT HIS REPUTATION, I FOUND NO FAULT WITH SPIKE MALLARD,.. HE WAS A PERFECT GENTLEMAN,..

HOW DOES A PRETTY GIRL LIKE YOU HAPPEN TO BE WORKING IN A DRIVE-IN?

OH, IT'S NOT PERMANENT, MR. MALLARD! I HOPE TO BE AN ACTRESS SOMEDAY...

NEXT DAY, I DIDN'T REPORT TO THE DRIVE-IN! I WAS ON SPIKE MALLARD'S PAYROLL--AT A SALARY THAT GAVE ME MY DRAMATIC LESSONS--PLUS!

WELL! A NEW HAT CHECK CHICK AT THE CLUB BAGUETTE! HEL-LO!

GOOD EVENING, SIR!

MY OWN FAIRY GODMOTHER COULDN'T HAVE BEEN KINDER TO ME THAN SPIKE WAS! HE WAS A TOUGH MOBSTER TO SOME--BUT NEVER TO ME! NOW I KNOW THAT GRATITUDE CAN SOMETIMES LOOK LIKE LOVE... I WAS GRATEFUL TO SPIKE... WE BOTH THOUGHT IT WAS LOVE!

HONEY, WE'LL MAKE A GO OF IT! I LOVE YOU MADLY, MY LOVELY GODDESS!

THEN HELP ME, IF YOU LOVE ME, SPIKE DARLING! THE ROAD SHOW OF "MAGIC HEART" OPENS AT YOUR ONYX THEATER TOMORROW--AND I KNOW THE LEAD PART! IF I COULD JUST BE THIRD ASSISTANT UNDERSTUDY, OR SOMETHING...

NO UNDERSTUDY, BABY--I'LL DO BETTER THAN THAT FOR YOU!

NEED I SAY THAT DURING MY "AUDITION," THE LEADING LADY WAS "SUDDENLY TAKEN ILL"... AND *I* GOT THE PART?

SHE'S GOOD, ISN'T SHE, HALL?

IF YOU SAY SO, MR. MALLARD... I GUESS SHE'S GOOD...

HOW COULD I HAVE KNOWN IT WAS NOT MY TALENT THAT GOT ME MY FIRST REAL PART--BUT THE GUN SPIKE POKED IN THE PRODUCER'S BACK?

OH, I'M SO SORRY YOU'RE ILL, MISS AINGLEY!

OOOOH... YOU...!

THAT WAS MY START TO FAME AND FORTUNE... NICE, WASN'T IT? SOMETHING TO BRAG ABOUT!

YOU CHEAP LITTLE GOLD DIGGER! DID YOU *HAVE* TO GET PAT AINGLEY FIRED?

BUT...

I GUESS THE BEST WAY TO GET TOP BILLING ON THIS SHOW IS TO HAVE A BOY FRIEND WITH A GUN--NO PRODUCER CAN RESIST *THAT* TALENT!

WHEN I REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED, I WENT AT ONCE TO SPIKE'S OFFICE TO TELL HIM I DIDN'T WANT THE PART! THE DOOR WAS AJAR AND I HEARD ANGRY VOICES--SPIKE'S AND CHESTER HALL'S! THEN, SUDDENLY... MY HEART FROZE!... A SHOT!

SPIKE! OH... WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

I FLED THAT NIGHT... TO NEW YORK... WHERE I TOOK A JOB USHERING AT A BROADWAY THEATER! THEN SUDDENLY LUCK FELL MY WAY-- I GOT A MINOR PART IN A NEW MUSICAL, "LAUGHING GIRL"! IT WAS HARD WORK, BUT I LOVED EVERY MINUTE OF IT!

I'LL MAKE GOOD... I *WILL!*

ALL RIGHT, GIRLS--ON STAGE!

I WAS ONE OF THE HOSTESSES AT THE BACKSTAGE PARTY AFTER THE OPENING... AND WHILE SERVING PUNCH I FOUND MYSELF LOOKING INTO THE BLUEST EYES I'D EVER SEEN!

OH HEAVENS! HE'S... COMING OVER HERE... I HOPE!

HELLO!

HE WAS EASY TO TALK TO--EVEN AN INTRODUCTION SEEMED UNNECESSARY-- BUT WE SOON IDENTIFIED OURSELVES!

I'M BRAD MARKHAM, MISS VANE --YOUR PRODUCER'S LAWYER! SHALL WE HAVE A BITE TO EAT... SOMEWHERE ELSE?

WHY... YES! I'D LIKE THAT!

YOU KNOW, FROM NOW ON RAINY DAYS WILL BE MY LUCKY DAYS! IF IT HADN'T RAINED TONIGHT, I'D HAVE GONE TO THE COUNTRY FOR THE WEEKEND, INSTEAD OF TO THE STAGE PARTY-- AND I'D HAVE MISSED MEETING YOU!

WHAT A TERRIBLE FATE THAT WOULD'VE BEEN, BRAD! BUT YOU'D PROBABLY'VE MET SOME OTHER GIRL SOMEWHERE!

BUT I KNEW IN MY HEART THAT FATE HAD PLANNED THIS-- THAT THERE'D NEVER BE ANY OTHER GIRL FOR HIM! AND THE LOOK IN BRAD'S EYES AGREED WITH MY HEART...

HERE'S TO US, HONEY!

TO US, BRAD!

HUH? CAN'TCHA FIND NOTHIN' BETTER TO DRINK A TOAST WID DEN *MILK?*

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DO THE BOOKS SAY... WAIT AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE YOU KISS YOUR ESCORT GOOD NIGHT? THIS WASN'T EVEN AN OFFICIAL FIRST DATE, AND...

CAROL... CAROL! THIS IS WHAT I'VE DREAMED OF ALL MY LIFE!

OH, BRAD! IS IT REAL? I'M SO HAPPY I COULD CRY!

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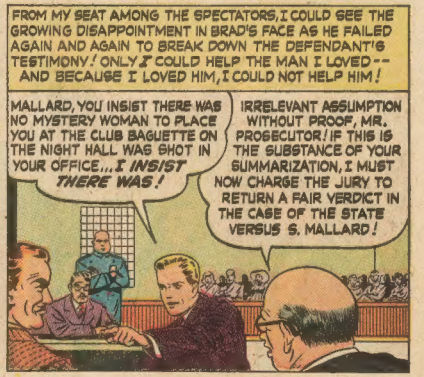
FROM THAT MOMENT ON, THROUGH THE ENSUING MONTHS, BRAD AND I WERE INSEPARABLE! IN ALMOST UNBELIEVING WONDER AT THE MIRACLE, WE ANTICIPATED THE NATURAL SEQUENCE OF OUR LOVE... AND AT CHRISTMAS TIME...
WELL ...OPEN IT, HONEY!
I'M ALL THUMBS... OH, BRAD!

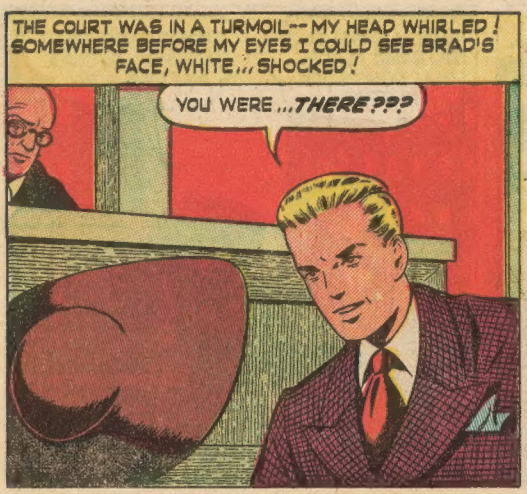
THERE IT WAS -- THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ENGAGEMENT RING, FROM THE MOST WONDERFUL MAN IN THE WORLD!
GOT SOMETHING TO TELL YOU, TOO, DARLING... BUT IT'LL WAIT TILL WE GET TO BRUNO'S! C'MON. LET'S GO DANCING! GOT A TABLE RESERVED... LET'S CELEBRATE!

AND IT WAS THERE, AT BRUNO'S, THAT HE TOLD ME ABOUT BEING APPOINTED STATE'S PROSECUTOR IN THE MALLARD CASE! IT WAS TOO MUCH! AFTER HE FAILED TO LOCATE ME AT MY HOTEL, HE WENT ON PREPARING HIS CASE, AND NOW IT WAS BEFORE THE JURY! RECESS WAS OVER...
BRAD... OH, BRAD! IF I HAD ONLY KNOWN TWO YEARS AGO WHAT I KNOW NOW...


FROM MY SEAT AMONG THE SPECTATORS, I COULD SEE THE GROWING DISAPPOINTMENT IN BRAD'S FACE AS HE FAILED AGAIN AND AGAIN TO BREAK DOWN THE DEFENDANT'S TESTIMONY! ONLY I COULD HELP THE MAN I LOVED -- AND BECAUSE I LOVED HIM, I COULD NOT HELP HIM!
MALLARD, YOU INSIST THERE WAS NO MYSTERY WOMAN TO PLACE YOU AT THE CLUB BAGUETTE ON THE NIGHT HALL WAS SHOT IN YOUR OFFICE... I INSIST THERE WAS!
IRRELEVANT ASSUMPTION WITHOUT PROOF, MR. PROSECUTOR! IF THIS IS THE SUBSTANCE OF YOUR SUMMARIZATION, I MUST NOW CHARGE THE JURY TO RETURN A FAIR VERDICT IN THE CASE OF THE STATE VERSUS S. MALLARD!

THEN, SUDDENLY, I KNEW WHAT I MUST DO -- AT ANY COST TO MYSELF, I MUST HELP BRAD! I MUST TRY TO ERASE PART OF MY PAST BY PREVENTING A TERRIBLE MISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE!
NO... NO! WAIT! YOU CAN'T RETURN A VERDICT YET!

CAROL... MISS VANE! WHAT...?
MR. PROSECUTOR, I CAN PROVE THAT SPIKE MALLARD WAS THE ONLY PERSON IN THE ROOM WITH MR. HALL WHEN HE WAS SHOT! I WAS THERE... I'M THE MYSTERY WOMAN YOU'RE LOOKING FOR!


THE COURT WAS IN A TURMOIL--MY HEAD WHIRLED! SOMEWHERE BEFORE MY EYES I COULD SEE BRAD'S FACE, WHITE,,, SHOCKED!
YOU WERE,,,THERE???

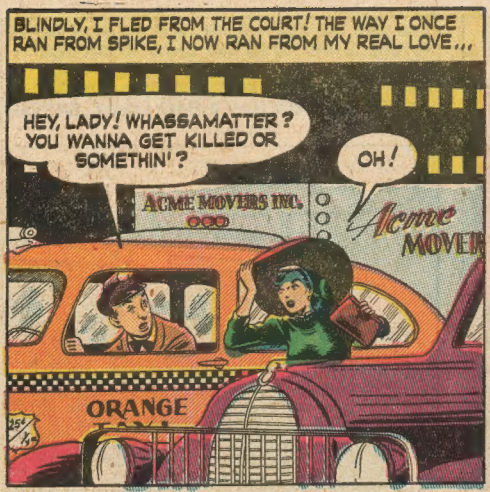
THIS WAS THE END FOR ME,,, BUT TO SAVE BRAD'S FUTURE, I HAD TO GO ON! I HAD TO UNLOCK THAT FILE MARKED "FORGOTTEN PAST" AND SHOW THE SORDID RECORDS TO THE WORLD,,, AND TO THE ONLY MAN I EVER LOVED,,,OR EVER COULD!
SPIKE MALLARD AND I,,, WE WERE,,,WE WERE,,,

YES? YOU WERE,,,WHAT, MISS VANE?
WE WERE,,,THAT IS,,,I WAS,,,

I WAS,,, GOING TO MARRY HIM,,,ONCE!
WHAT???

BRAD STARED AT ME--SPEECHLESS! THEN, SUDDENLY, SPIKE LEAPED FROM THE WITNESS CHAIR!
LEAVE HER ALONE! HONEY, I NEVER BLAMED YOU FOR LEAVING ME,,, I NEVER WANTED TO DRAG YOU INTO THIS! I WAS GLAD YOU GOT TO BE A SUCCESS--EVEN WITHOUT ME!

JUDGE, THAT GIRL WAS THE ONLY GOOD THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO ME! SURE, I CAN KILL A MAN--EASY! BUT I CAN'T STAND HER CRYING OVER ME! DON'T MAKE HER TALK,,, I'LL PLEAD GUILTY NOW!
YES,,,SPIKE WAS THE KILLER! BUT WHO ARE WE TO JUDGE THE DEPTHS OF HIS HEART--TO DENY THE GOOD THAT MIGHT HAVE COME OF HIS LIFE--IF THINGS HAD BEEN DIFFERENT?


BLINDLY, I FLED FROM THE COURT! THE WAY I ONCE RAN FROM SPIKE, I NOW RAN FROM MY REAL LOVE...
HEY, LADY! WHASSAMATTER? YOU WANNA GET KILLED OR SOMETHIN'?
OH!
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HERE...LEMME TAKE YOU SOME PLACE... YOU DON'T LOOK SO GOOD!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT ANYTHING--NOTHING MATTERS NOW!
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CAROL! WAIT! COME BACK!
NO...NO! IT'S TOO LATE!
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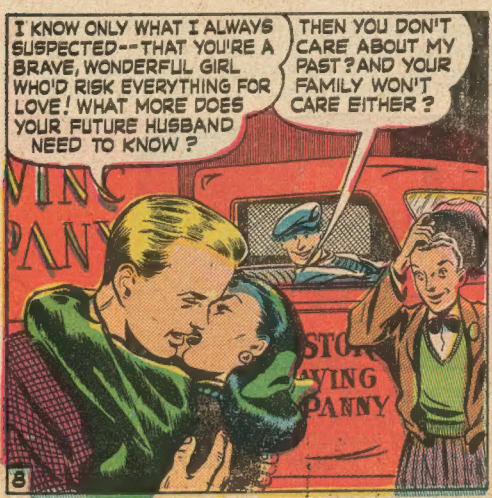
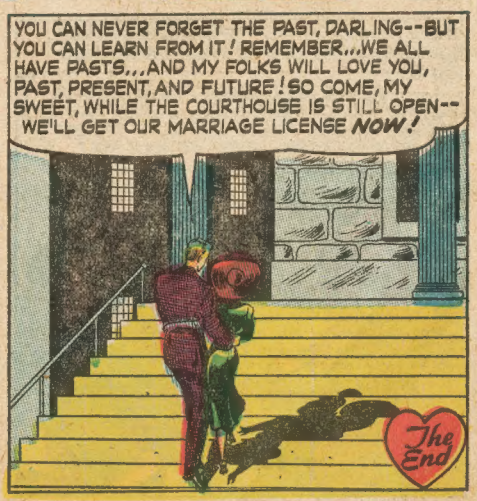
NO, CAROL, HONEY, IT ISN'T TOO LATE! I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY FROM ME AGAIN!
BUT YOU...YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT ME NOW--YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!


I KNOW ONLY WHAT I ALWAYS SUSPECTED--THAT YOU'RE A BRAVE, WONDERFUL GIRL WHO'D RISK EVERYTHING FOR LOVE! WHAT MORE DOES YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND NEED TO KNOW?
THEN YOU DON'T CARE ABOUT MY PAST? AND YOUR FAMILY WON'T CARE EITHER?


YOU CAN NEVER FORGET THE PAST, DARLING--BUT YOU CAN LEARN FROM IT! REMEMBER...WE ALL HAVE PASTS...AND MY FOLKS WILL LOVE YOU, PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE! SO COME, MY SWEET, WHILE THE COURTHOUSE IS STILL OPEN--WE'LL GET OUR MARRIAGE LICENSE NOW!
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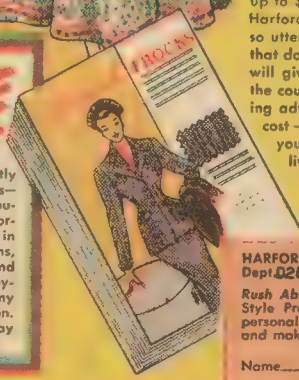

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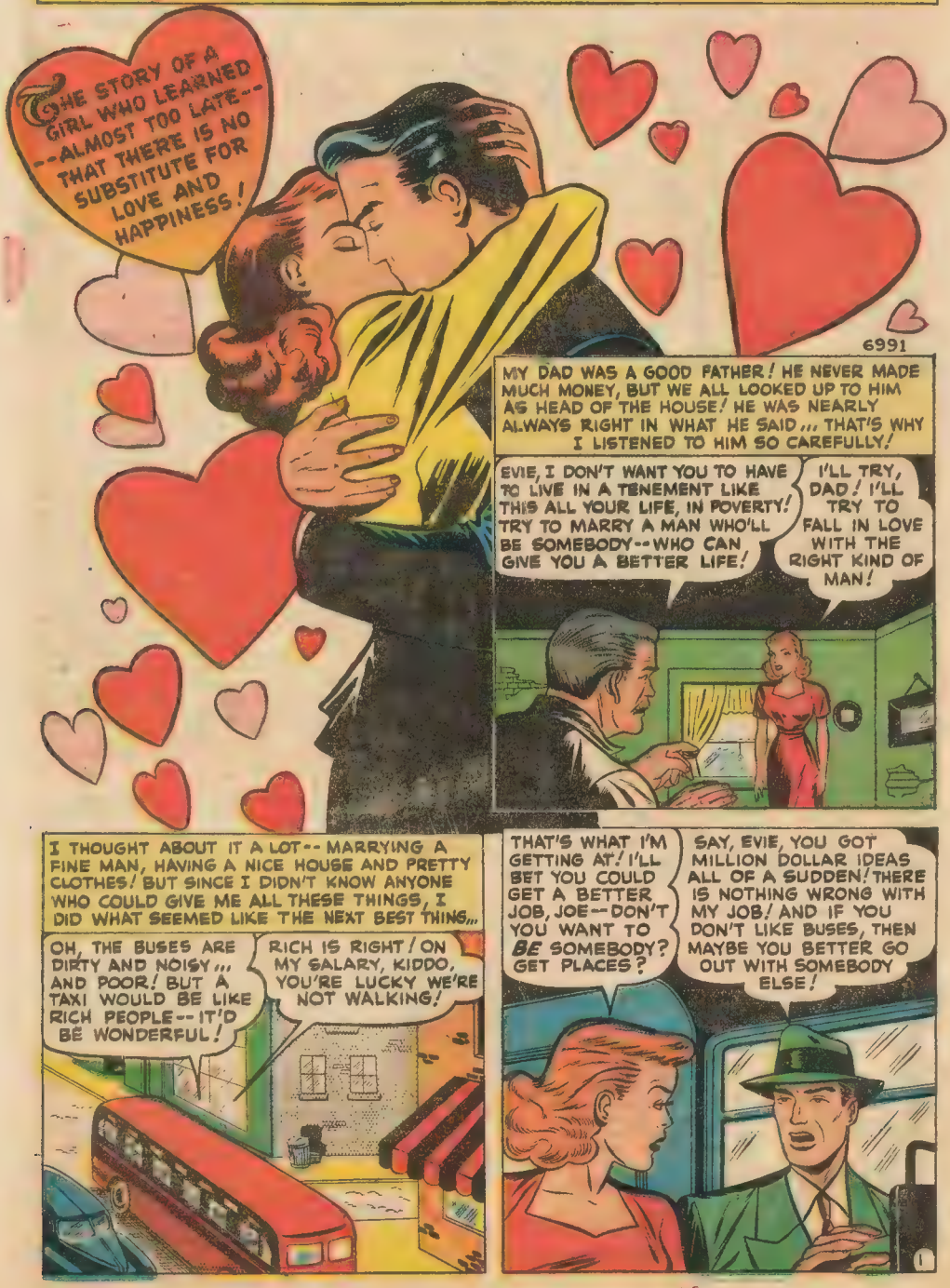
THE STORY OF A GIRL WHO LEARNED --ALMOST TOO LATE-- THAT THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LOVE AND HAPPINESS!
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MY DAD WAS A GOOD FATHER! HE NEVER MADE MUCH MONEY, BUT WE ALL LOOKED UP TO HIM AS HEAD OF THE HOUSE! HE WAS NEARLY ALWAYS RIGHT IN WHAT HE SAID... THAT'S WHY I LISTENED TO HIM SO CAREFULLY!
EVIE, I DON'T WANT YOU TO HAVE TO LIVE IN A TENEMENT LIKE THIS ALL YOUR LIFE, IN POVERTY! TRY TO MARRY A MAN WHO'LL BE SOMEBODY--WHO CAN GIVE YOU A BETTER LIFE!
I'LL TRY, DAD! I'LL TRY TO FALL IN LOVE WITH THE RIGHT KIND OF MAN!
I THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LOT-- MARRYING A FINE MAN, HAVING A NICE HOUSE AND PRETTY CLOTHES! BUT SINCE I DIDN'T KNOW ANYONE WHO COULD GIVE ME ALL THESE THINGS, I DID WHAT SEEMED LIKE THE NEXT BEST THING...
OH, THE BUSES ARE DIRTY AND NOISY... AND POOR! BUT A TAXI WOULD BE LIKE RICH PEOPLE-- IT'D BE WONDERFUL!
RICH IS RIGHT! ON MY SALARY, KIDDO, YOU'RE LUCKY WE'RE NOT WALKING!
THAT'S WHAT I'M GETTING AT! I'LL BET YOU COULD GET A BETTER JOB, JOE-- DON'T YOU WANT TO BE SOMEBODY? GET PLACES?
SAY, EVIE, YOU GOT MILLION DOLLAR IDEAS ALL OF A SUDDEN! THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH MY JOB! AND IF YOU DON'T LIKE BUSES, THEN MAYBE YOU BETTER GO OUT WITH SOMEBODY ELSE!

THAT BECAME THE PATTERN OF MY DATES! I TALKED BIG, TRYING TO PUMP AMBITION INTO THE BOYS I KNEW,,, AND WHEN THEY DROPPED ME, IT WAS EASY TO CONSOLE MYSELF!
JOE HASN'T CALLED FOR TWO WEEKS AND PETE'S BEEN ACTING COLD TOWARDS ME LATELY! BUT WHAT DO I CARE? I WOULDN'T MARRY A MAN, ANYWAY, UNLESS HE HAD A GOOD FUTURE! DAD'S RIGHT -- I DON'T WANT TO PINCH PENNIES ALL MY LIFE!
BUT THEN ONE NIGHT, AT A FRIEND'S PARTY, I MET DAVID--AND I THINK I KNEW FROM THAT FIRST MOMENT THAT THIS MAN WOULD NOT BE SO EASY TO FORGET!
EVIE JOHNSON, THIS IS DAVID MACE!
HELLO, DAVID!
HELLO, EVIE! IS THAT SHORT FOR EVELYN, OR EVA, OR WHAT?
I COULD SAY THAT I LISPED AS A LITTLE GIRL, AND ALWAYS SAID THINGS WERE "EVIE" INSTEAD OF EASY! BUT I NEVER LISPED -- AND EVIE IS ALL THE FIRST NAME I WAS GIVEN!
IT'S A GOOD STORY, ANYWAY,,, AND A CUTE NAME!
DAVID AND I CLICKED RIGHT AWAY! AND WE TALKED TOGETHER ALL THROUGH THE PARTY, UNTIL IT STARTED BREAKING UP,,,
I HATE TO LEAVE YOU NOW, EVIE -- LET'S GET A HAMBURGER AND THEN I'LL TAKE YOU HOME!
THAT'S A GOOD IDEA! I'M HUNGRY!
WITH DAVID THE HAMBURGER TASTED LIKE A T-BONE STEAK! AND WHEN HE ASKED ME TO GO TO THE MOVIES THE NEXT NIGHT, I ACCEPTED! BUT OH, THAT SECOND DATE HABIT PROVED TOO STRONG FOR ME,,,
MOVIES ARE NICE! BUT WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO GO TO NIGHT CLUBS AND SPEND HEAPS OF MONEY!
I'D LIKE IT IF I HAD HEAPS OF MONEY TO SPEND, MAYBE! BUT I WORK IN A MACHINE SHOP -- I'LL NEVER HAVE A FORTUNE TO THROW AROUND!
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ACTUALLY, I NEVER THOUGHT IN TERMS OF VERY MUCH MONEY -- JUST OF A COMFORTABLE LIVING -- BUT I HAD GOTTEN IN THE HABIT OF TALKING IN MILLIONS!
MOVIE ACTRESSES ARE SO LUCKY! THEY WEAR DIAMONDS IN THEIR HAIR -- WHILE GIRLS LIKE ME SCRUB FLOORS AND PEEL POTATOES! OH, I HATE BEING POOR, DON'T YOU, DAVID?
I,,, NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT IT THAT WAY, EVIE,,, BUT I SEE WHAT YOU MEAN!
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DAVID AND I SAW EACH OTHER ALMOST EVERY NIGHT FROM THEN ON! HE LIVED NEAR ME IN THE TENEMENT DISTRICT, AND WE OFTEN MET AND TOOK WALKS OR WENT TO THE MOVIES! SOONER OR LATER, THE TALK ALWAYS GOT AROUND TO THE SAME THING!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE IN THE PARK WITH YOU!

YES, BUT IT'S HOT! RICH PEOPLE GO TO THE COUNTRY THIS TIME OF YEAR--OR ON A LONG CRUISE! MONEY MAKES EVERYTHING WONDERFUL!

EVIE DEAR, THERE ARE OTHER THINGS BESIDES MONEY! THAT MOON IS BRIGHTER THAN ALL THE SILVER IN THE WORLD--AND NO PERFUME COULD SMELL AS GOOD AS THE GRASS AFTER A RAINSTORM! AND I CAN SEE THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IN THE WORLD FOR FREE!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, DAVID?

YOUR FACE, DARLING... TURNED UP TO MINE! THERE'S NOTHING LOVELIER ANYWHERE!

OH, DAVID...

I LOVE YOU, SWEETHEART! I'VE LOVED YOU EVER SINCE YOU BABBLED THAT CUTE, SILLY STORY ABOUT YOUR NAME!

I GUESS I'VE LOVED YOU FROM THE BEGINNING, TOO, DAVID! OH, I'M SO HAPPY!

YES, I WAS HAPPY--RADIANTLY, GLORIOUSLY HAPPY--UNTIL I GOT HOME THAT NIGHT!

OH, MOM... DAD... I HAD A WONDERFUL TIME! DAVID AND I... WE LOVE EACH OTHER!

THAT'S ALL WELL AND GOOD, EVIE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY LOVE ALONE DOESN'T MAKE A SUCCESSFUL MARRIAGE! IT ALSO TAKES MONEY--AND THE SECURITY IT CAN BUY!

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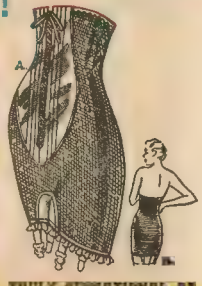

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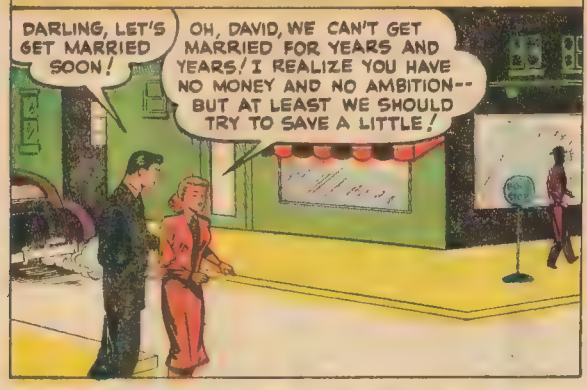
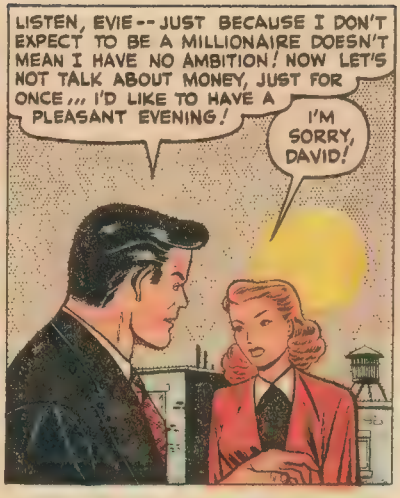
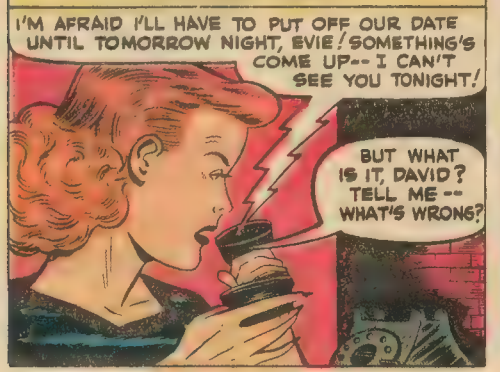
MY FATHER'S WORDS MADE MY HAPPINESS SEEM HOLLOW! DAVID WORKED IN A MACHINE SHOP! IF I MARRIED HIM, I WOULD GO ON LIVING IN A TENEMENT--UNLESS I COULD CHANGE THINGS! THE NEXT NIGHT I SEIZED MY FIRST OPENING...

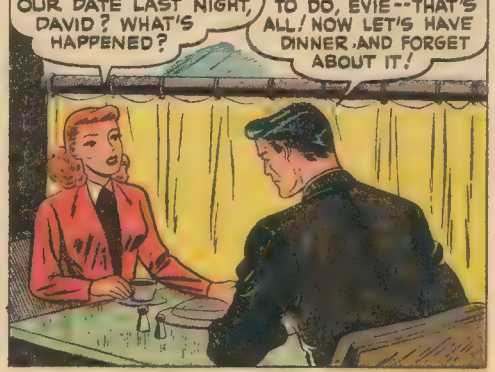

DARLING, LET'S GET MARRIED SOON!
OH, DAVID, WE CAN'T GET MARRIED FOR YEARS AND YEARS! I REALIZE YOU HAVE NO MONEY AND NO AMBITION--BUT AT LEAST WE SHOULD TRY TO SAVE A LITTLE!


LISTEN, EVIE--JUST BECAUSE I DON'T EXPECT TO BE A MILLIONAIRE DOESN'T MEAN I HAVE NO AMBITION! NOW LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT MONEY, JUST FOR ONCE... I'D LIKE TO HAVE A PLEASANT EVENING!
I'M SORRY, DAVID!

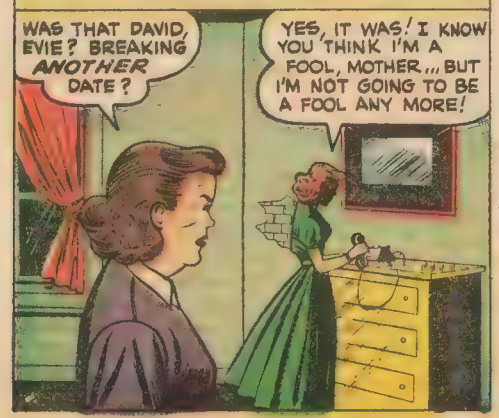
BUT IT WASN'T A VERY PLEASANT EVENING! WE WERE BOTH STRAINED! I HOPED THE NEXT NIGHT WOULD BE BETTER--BUT ABOUT TWO HOURS BEFORE DAVID WAS TO CALL FOR ME, THE PHONE RANG!


I'M AFRAID I'LL HAVE TO PUT OFF OUR DATE UNTIL TOMORROW NIGHT, EVIE! SOMETHING'S COME UP--I CAN'T SEE YOU TONIGHT!
BUT WHAT IS IT, DAVID? TELL ME--WHAT'S WRONG?

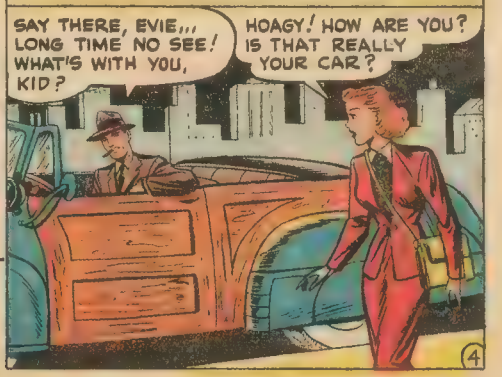
BUT HE HUNG UP WITHOUT EXPLAINING! AND THE NEXT NIGHT, WHEN I ASKED ABOUT IT, HE BECAME TENSE AND IRRITABLE!

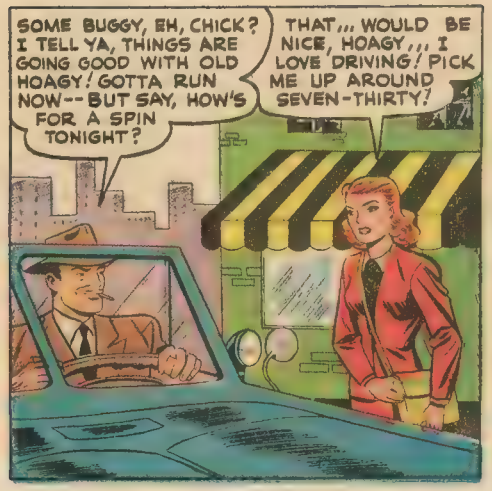

WHY DID YOU BREAK OUR DATE LAST NIGHT, DAVID? WHAT'S HAPPENED?
I HAD SOMETHING TO DO, EVIE--THAT'S ALL! NOW LET'S HAVE DINNER AND FORGET ABOUT IT!

I TRIED TO FORGET ABOUT IT, BUT DAVID BROKE TWO DATES WITH ME THE FOLLOWING WEEK, AND THREE THE WEEK AFTER! I WAS HUMILIATED BEFORE MY PARENTS--AND MYSELF!



THE NEXT MORNING ON THE STREET I MET HOAGY WILLETT, A BOY I HAD GONE TO HIGH SCHOOL WITH! HOAGY HAD ALWAYS SEEMED LIKE A TOUGH CHARACTER--BUT NOW HIS CLOTHES LOOKED EXPENSIVE AND SO DID HIS CAR!

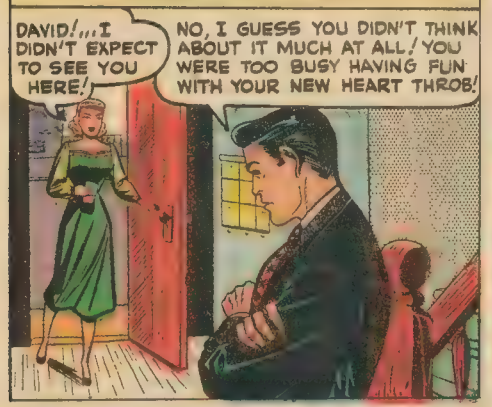



SOME BUGGY, EH, CHICK? I TELL YA, THINGS ARE GOING GOOD WITH OLD HOAGY! GOTTA RUN NOW--BUT SAY, HOW'S FOR A SPIN TONIGHT?
THAT,,, WOULD BE NICE, HOAGY,,, I LOVE DRIVING! PICK ME UP AROUND SEVEN-THIRTY!

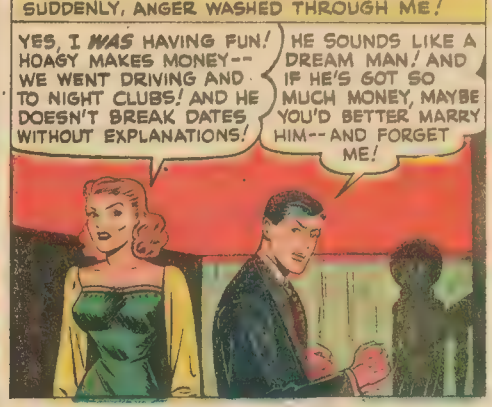
I HAD A DATE WITH DAVID FOR EIGHT O'CLOCK! BUT AFTER ALL THE DATES HE HAD BROKEN, REFUSING TO GIVE ME AN EXPLANATION, I DIDN'T MIND GIVING HIM SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT! I KNEW MOTHER WOULD GET THE POINT ACROSS TO HIM!

GOOD EVENING, MRS. JOHNSON! IS EVIE READY?
READY? WHY, EVIE'S GONE OUT WITH ANOTHER YOUNG MAN, DAVID--I GUESS SHE WASN'T SURE WHETHER YOU'D DECIDE TO COME OR NOT!

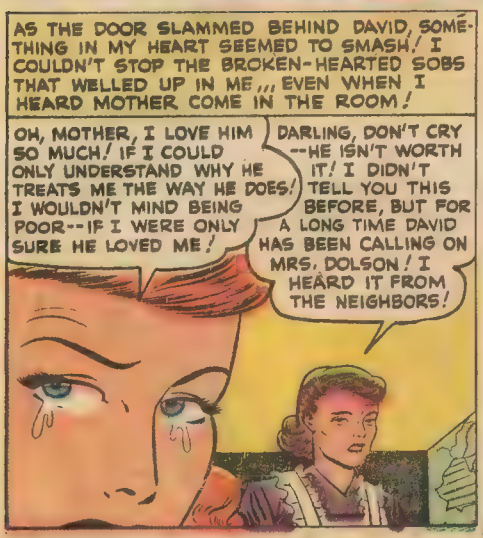
BUT DAVID ASKED IF HE COULD WAIT! AND WHEN I GOT HOME,,,


DAVID!,,, I DIDN'T EXPECT TO SEE YOU HERE!
NO, I GUESS YOU DIDN'T THINK ABOUT IT MUCH AT ALL! YOU WERE TOO BUSY HAVING FUN WITH YOUR NEW HEART THROB!

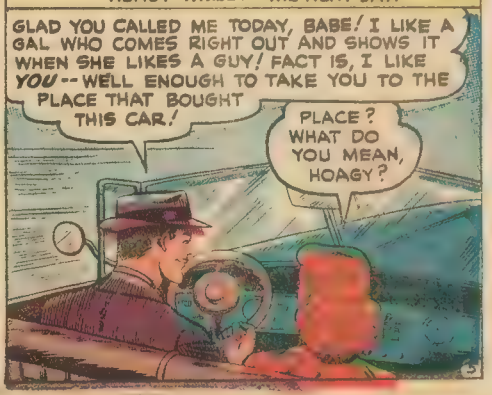
AFTER ALL, DAVID'S COOLNESS, HIS MYSTERY, HIS OFF-AND-ON ROMANCE WAS TOO MUCH! SUDDENLY, ANGER WASHED THROUGH ME!

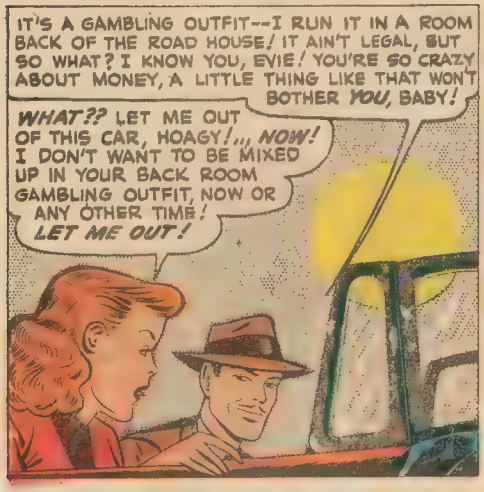

YES, I *WAS* HAVING FUN! HOAGY MAKES MONEY--WE WENT DRIVING AND TO NIGHT CLUBS! AND HE DOESN'T BREAK DATES WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS!
HE SOUNDS LIKE A DREAM MAN! AND IF HE'S GOT SO MUCH MONEY, MAYBE YOU'D BETTER MARRY HIM--AND FORGET ME!

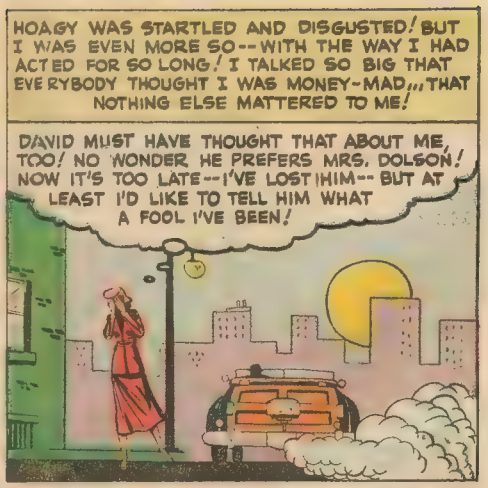
AS THE DOOR SLAMMED BEHIND DAVID, SOMETHING IN MY HEART SEEMED TO SMASH! I COULDN'T STOP THE BROKEN-HEARTED SOBS THAT WELLED UP IN ME,,, EVEN WHEN I HEARD MOTHER COME IN THE ROOM!

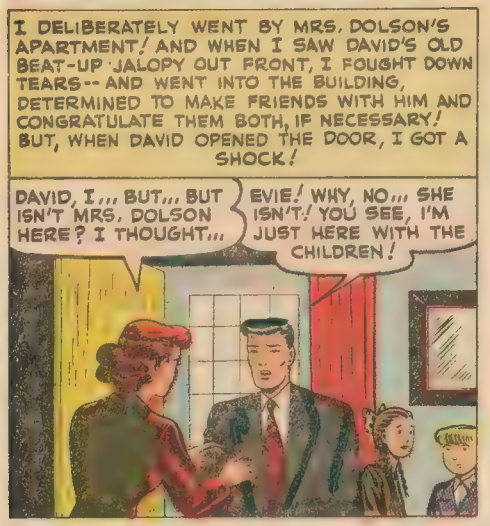

OH, MOTHER, I LOVE HIM SO MUCH! IF I COULD ONLY UNDERSTAND WHY HE TREATS ME THE WAY HE DOES! I WOULDN'T MIND BEING POOR--IF I WERE ONLY SURE HE LOVED ME!
DARLING, DON'T CRY --HE ISN'T WORTH IT! I DIDN'T TELL YOU THIS BEFORE, BUT FOR A LONG TIME DAVID HAS BEEN CALLING ON MRS. DOLSON! I HEARD IT FROM THE NEIGHBORS!

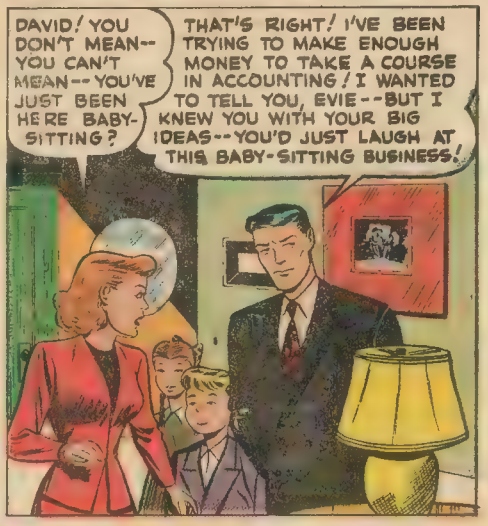
NOW, FINALLY, MY WORLD SEEMED TO CRASH! SO THAT WAS WHERE DAVID HAD BEEN--OUT CALLING ON YOUNG MRS. DOLSON, A PRETTY WIDOW WITH TWO SMALL CHILDREN--AND ALL THE TIME PRETENDING TO LOVE ME! FURIOUS, DETERMINED TO FORGET MY LOVE, I PHONED HOAGY WILLETT THE NEXT DAY!

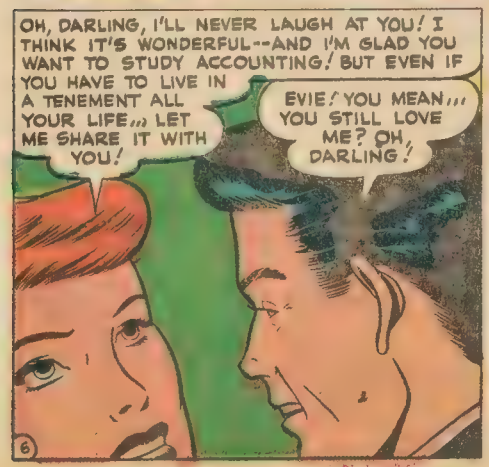

GLAD YOU CALLED ME TODAY, BABE! I LIKE A GAL WHO COMES RIGHT OUT AND SHOWS IT WHEN SHE LIKES A GUY! FACT IS, I LIKE *YOU*--WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU TO THE PLACE THAT BOUGHT THIS CAR!
PLACE? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, HOAGY?


IT'S A GAMBLING OUTFIT--I RUN IT IN A ROOM BACK OF THE ROAD HOUSE! IT AIN'T LEGAL, BUT SO WHAT? I KNOW YOU, EVIE! YOU'RE SO CRAZY ABOUT MONEY, A LITTLE THING LIKE THAT WON'T BOTHER YOU, BABY!
WHAT?? LET ME OUT OF THIS CAR, HOAGY!... NOW! I DON'T WANT TO BE MIXED UP IN YOUR BACK ROOM GAMBLING OUTFIT, NOW OR ANY OTHER TIME! LET ME OUT!


HOAGY WAS STARTLED AND DISGUSTED! BUT I WAS EVEN MORE SO--WITH THE WAY I HAD ACTED FOR SO LONG! I TALKED SO BIG THAT EVERYBODY THOUGHT I WAS MONEY-MAD... THAT NOTHING ELSE MATTERED TO ME!
DAVID MUST HAVE THOUGHT THAT ABOUT ME, TOO! NO WONDER HE PREFERS MRS. DOLSON! NOW IT'S TOO LATE--I'VE LOST HIM-- BUT AT LEAST I'D LIKE TO TELL HIM WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN!


I DELIBERATELY WENT BY MRS. DOLSON'S APARTMENT! AND WHEN I SAW DAVID'S OLD BEAT-UP JALOPY OUT FRONT, I FOUGHT DOWN TEARS-- AND WENT INTO THE BUILDING, DETERMINED TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH HIM AND CONGRATULATE THEM BOTH, IF NECESSARY! BUT, WHEN DAVID OPENED THE DOOR, I GOT A SHOCK!
DAVID, I... BUT... BUT ISN'T MRS. DOLSON HERE? I THOUGHT...
EVIE! WHY, NO... SHE ISN'T! YOU SEE, I'M JUST HERE WITH THE CHILDREN!


DAVID! YOU DON'T MEAN-- YOU CAN'T MEAN-- YOU'VE JUST BEEN HERE BABY-SITTING?
THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE BEEN TRYING TO MAKE ENOUGH MONEY TO TAKE A COURSE IN ACCOUNTING! I WANTED TO TELL YOU, EVIE--BUT I KNEW YOU WITH YOUR BIG IDEAS--YOU'D JUST LAUGH AT THIS BABY-SITTING BUSINESS!


OH, DARLING, I'LL NEVER LAUGH AT YOU! I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL--AND I'M GLAD YOU WANT TO STUDY ACCOUNTING! BUT EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO LIVE IN A TENEMENT ALL YOUR LIFE... LET ME SHARE IT WITH YOU!
EVIE! YOU MEAN... YOU STILL LOVE ME? OH, DARLING!
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IN the large oval mirror, I I could see the exquisite features of Celia's face as she busily applied lacquer to her nails. In the three months we had shared the apartment, I still felt a sense of surprise whenever I looked at her. The rosy-white complexion, the large dark eyes looking even larger beneath the slender brows, and the lips, full and soft as a baby's, were that lovely as to seem unreal. Altogether, there was a flawless beauty about Celia.

"Nina, hon," she said, looking up at me, "could I borrow your new nylons for tonight? Mine just sprung a run—you know what dreadful luck I have." Celia smiled with the sweet innocence that she had found no one could resist.

"All right," I said, crossing to the maple dresser. I had been saving the nylons for a special occasion, but somehow special occasions never came for me.

"You're such an angel," Celia called. "I just knew you wouldn't mind."

The stockings were gone, and as I turned in half-bewilderment, I saw that Celia already had them on. I quietly closed the drawer.

"Better hurry," I said. "He'll be here any time."

Just at that moment, the doorbell rang. We both laughed.

"Oh, I'm not nearly ready," Celia sighed. "Why must men be so punctual?"

"I'll get it," I called back as I closed the bedroom door behind me, adding, "only snap it up."

When I opened the foyer door, I knew instantly that I liked this man, but hardly had our eyes met when he lowered his gaze in embarrassed confusion. It was always the same.

"I'm sorry," he said. "I guess I've made a mistake."

"Not if you're looking for Celia," I explained. "I'm Nina. We share the apartment."

He looked a little happier.

"Come in," I added. "Celia will be ready soon."

He sat down on the couch looking very uncomfortable. He was attractive in a rugged, masculine way. I hated the embarrassed glances he felt obliged to give me, knowing the indulgent pity that was to come. Yet I found a shy friendliness in his eyes.

"It's a very nice summer we're having," he began.

"Yes, it is," I answered. "Only a little hot tonight. Maybe you'd like a glass of lemonade."

"Well, I don't want to be any bother," he said not too insistantly. I knew he'd like some.

"Nonsense," I replied. "It's already made." I started for the kitchen. "If you care to, I believe you've time for a cigarette."

He grinned at me, and I hurried to the kitchen. I felt my fingers shaking as I poured two glasses full.

I put the glasses on a tray and carried them to the living room. He was smoking now and seemed relaxed. We sipped the cold liquid and talked casually. Every now and then I was conscious of his studying me. I wanted to pretend that I was like Celia, but I knew the truth too well. And I knew the reason for his glances. He was wondering how anyone like Celia had befriended me. Well, so did I sometimes. It was one of life's ironic ways. Apartments were scarce and high, so I decided to share mine—and Celia was the victor. It had been strange at first—like Beauty and the Gargoyle, for that was the truth. Nature had detoured in wide circles around me when she had given out beauty. I came as homely and plain as a hairpin. It was hard at first, but in time I became resigned and the bitterness left. Tears and anguish couldn't change me, and if men didn't like me, there still were other things in life to enjoy.

For the first time in all her numerous dates, I regretted the time having passed when Celia came out. Her long blonde hair was shining and she came forward confident and radiant. In contrast to me, I saw his face change as she greeted him. He was filled with a spontaneous admiration—a quality I never would be able to bring to a man's eyes.

"You're a darling to be so patient, Gregg," she said, and there was a sympathetic undertone beneath her glance from him to me.

When they had gone I turned

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to the mirror, but the image was already blurred by my tears . . .

Gregg came often after that. Celia was always late, so we had as much as a half-hour together sometimes. Gregg was friendly and relaxed and he was the first man who made me feel alive as a woman. By his third visit, I knew I was desperately in love with him. Yet it was an impossible situation. Not because I felt any particular loyalty to Celia, but because her beauty was insurmountable. I had only to see the change in Gregg's eyes when he turned to look at her, and I had my answer. Celia guessed a little, and would delight to Gregg's admiration even more in front of me. She'd almost seem to purr.

Then one night, Celia surprised me by being ready early.

"I never would have believed it," I explained, feeling at the same time, a sense of loss in being denied those precious moments alone with Gregg.

"Look, hon," Celia said, turning nervously to face me, as she pulled on her gloves, "I can't see Gregg tonight. I made another date with a fellow I'm simply wild about, and it was too late to call off my date with Gregg. So be an angel and tell him my aunt died or something . . . You *will*, Nina?" she repeated when she saw my expression.

I didn't want the task of lying to Gregg, but Celia was gone before I could protest. She knew only too well that I wouldn't be able to hurt him by giving her away.

Gregg was on time as usual. He stood grinning happily as I opened the door. I tried to avoid his eyes.

"Hello, Nina," he said in a way that had come to make me feel almost beautiful. I usually waited for it breathlessly, but tonight its pleasure made me feel guilty.

Gregg sat on the couch as he usually did. I glanced at the empty bedroom, wondering how Celia could disregard all other's feelings but her own. I was angry with her. What at first I had taken for childish impetuosity, I knew to be deliberate selfishness. And I was angry with Gregg, too, for being as easily fooled by a pretty face as were all other men.

"What's wrong?" Gregg asked, and I knew he had read part of my thoughts in my face.

"I'm sorry," I said, trying to smile. "It's just that I have something to explain about Celia."

"Oh, really?" Gregg asked, half teasing.

"Her aunt was taken ill quite suddenly, and she asked me to tell you how dreadfully sorry she is for having to rush off without calling you."

"Oh, I see," Gregg said, a little coldly. "In other words, I've been stood up."

I straightened a doily on the chair arm. "Celia didn't like going," I added. "It's really my fault—I mean I told her I'd explain—and it really was urgent——"

"Okay, I believe you, Nina. Let's forget it."

I expected Gregg to leave, and when he took out a cigarette and stretched back on the couch, I couldn't help feeling an unexpected elation. Our eyes met and he smiled.

"Know what, Nina? How about your going out with me?"

"You don't have to," I said quietly. "I mean it's nice of you to offer, but, well, I'm not the sort of girl who men take out very often." I could barely speak, caught between a strange happiness and humiliation. "I don't mind—really."

"Nonsense," Gregg said. "I'm not going to be stood up twice in one evening." He leaned forward. "Besides, I'd really like to, Nina. You're wrong to believe men don't notice the warm generous heart beneath your smile."

I wanted to cry and couldn't. No words would come. I turned away. Then I felt Gregg's hands on my shoulders. He slowly turned me around to face him, and then, knowing only the delightful wonder, I felt his lips touch mine.

"I don't understand," I said when he released me. "There's Celia——"

"So you don't understand, little Nina. Well, I admit I felt a certain exhilaration about Celia's beauty. But then slowly I began to see how she revelled in her beauty and realized that nothing else meant anything to her. And tonight when I saw her meet this other man—yes, Nina, I know—only I was glad. I was free to come to you, you see, because I suddenly knew that what I really had come to enjoy were our moments together. And that the only true beauty to be found was right here inside of you."

Gregg's words spun dizzily through my head, and caught in their joyous fantasy, the tears came and with them the strength of Gregg's arms and lips—and the growing seed of happiness.

THE END

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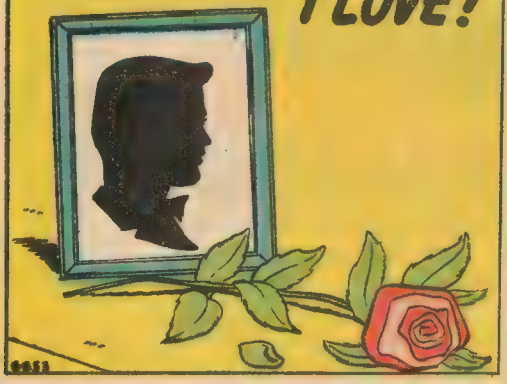
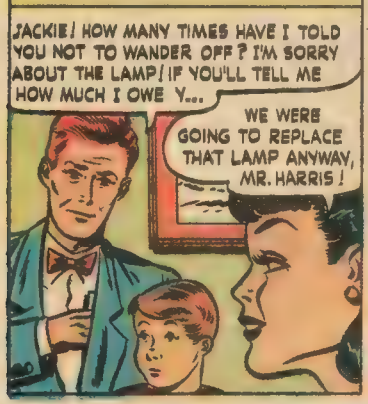


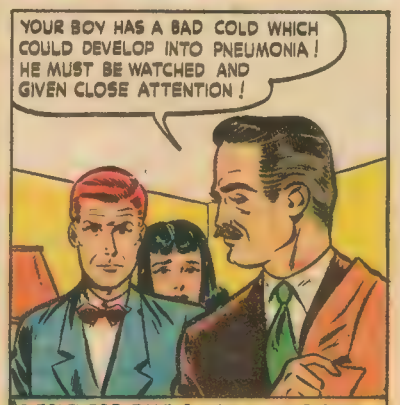
"HOW MY HEART FLUTTERED WHEN OUR NEW NEIGHBOR, BOB HARRIS PASSED ME BY! BOB, A WIDOWER, LIVED WITH HIS LITTLE BOY IN THE APARTMENT NEXT DOOR..."

MOTHER, WHY IS HE SO UNFRIENDLY? I GREET HIM WITH A SMILE, BUT ALL HE DOES IS NOD!
THEY SAY HE'S BEEN THAT WAY EVER SINCE HIS WIFE DIED...

"ONE DAY LITTLE JACKIE WANDERED INTO OUR APARTMENT, BREAKING A SMALL, INEXPENSIVE LAMP! MINUTES LATER BOB KNOCKED ON OUR DOOR... "


JACKIE! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU NOT TO WANDER OFF? I'M SORRY ABOUT THE LAMP! IF YOU'LL TELL ME HOW MUCH I OWE Y...
WE WERE GOING TO REPLACE THAT LAMP ANYWAY, MR. HARRIS!

"BOB STILL ACTED INDIFFERENT AND I COULD UNDERSTAND HIS BITTERNESS! MY COMPASSION GREW DAY BY DAY, AND FINALLY TURNED INTO LOVE! ONE EVENING, MY DOORBELL RANG!



"I TOLD BOB THAT I WOULD TAKE CARE OF JACKIE IN THE EVENINGS AS HE WORKED NIGHTS, AND BETWEEN US WE GOT JACKIE ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY!"

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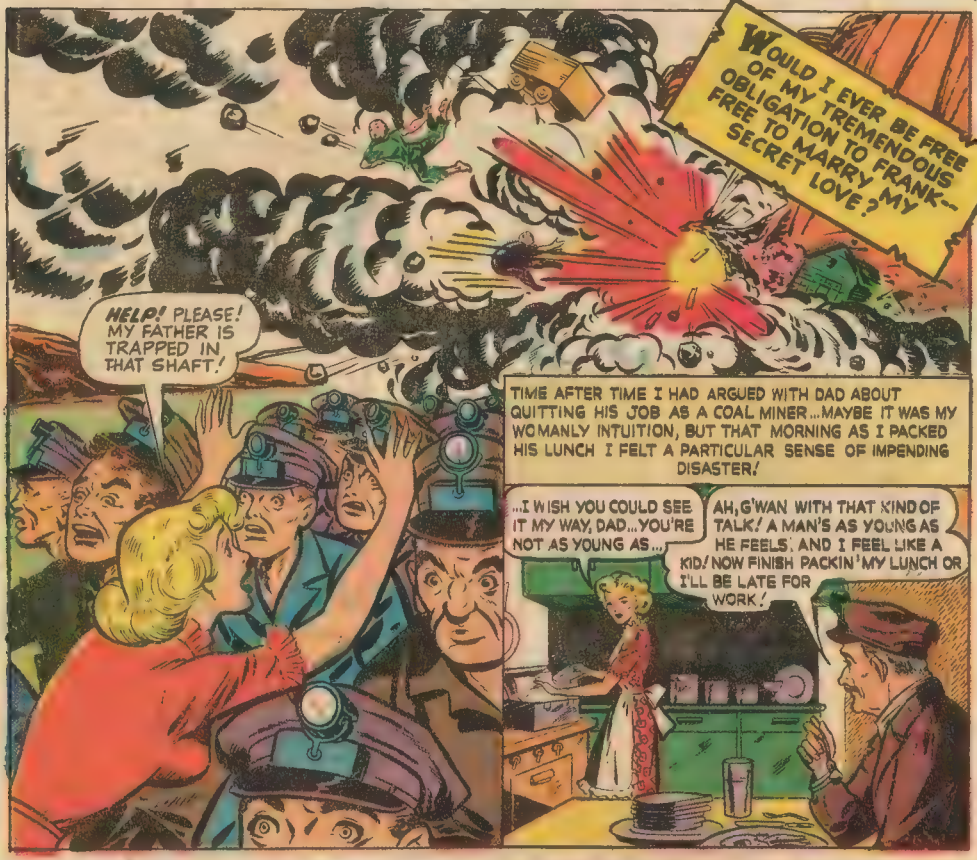
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HELP! PLEASE! MY FATHER IS TRAPPED IN THAT SHAFT!
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...I WISH YOU COULD SEE IT MY WAY, DAD...YOU'RE NOT AS YOUNG AS...
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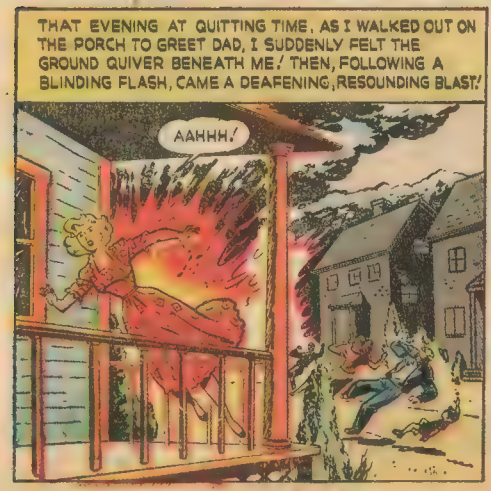
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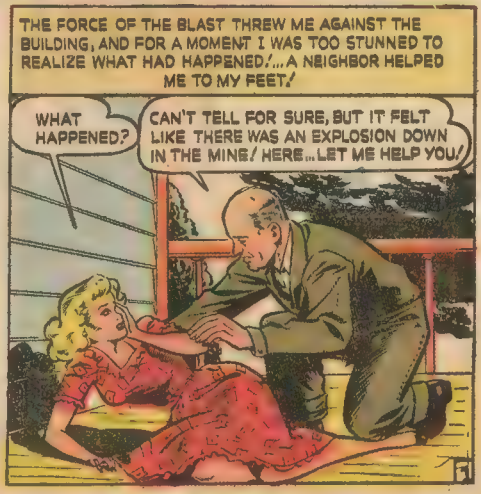
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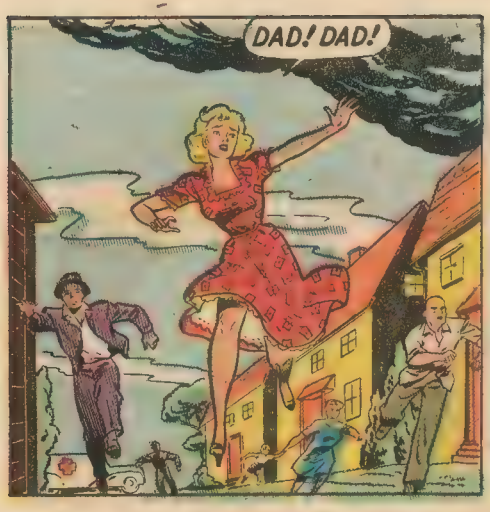

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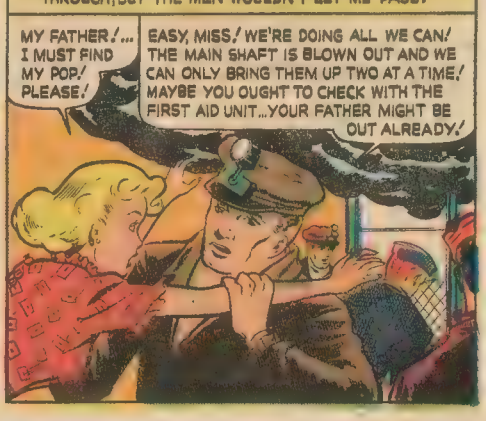
MY FATHER!... I MUST FIND MY POP./ PLEASE./
EASY, MISS./ WE'RE DOING ALL WE CAN./ THE MAIN SHAFT IS BLOWN OUT AND WE CAN ONLY BRING THEM UP TWO AT A TIME./ MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO CHECK WITH THE FIRST AID UNIT...YOUR FATHER MIGHT BE OUT ALREADY./

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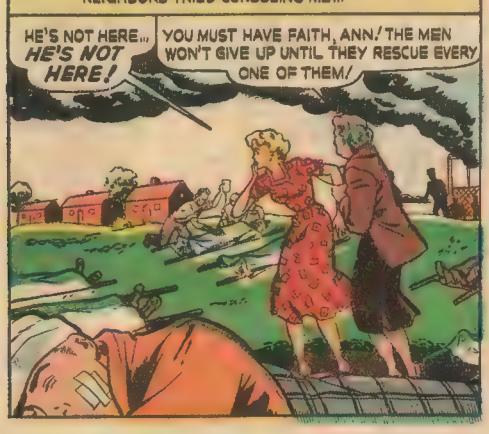

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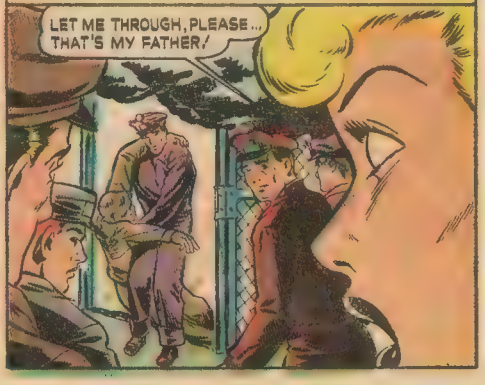
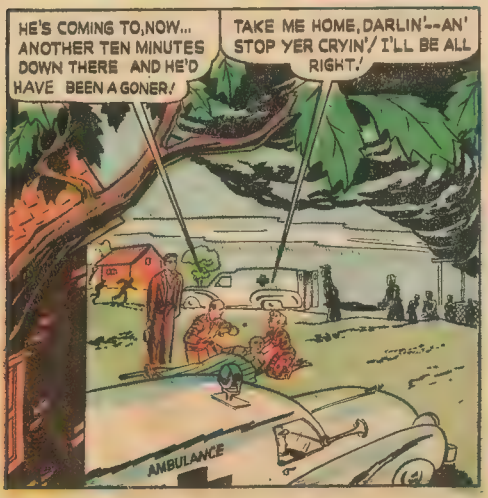
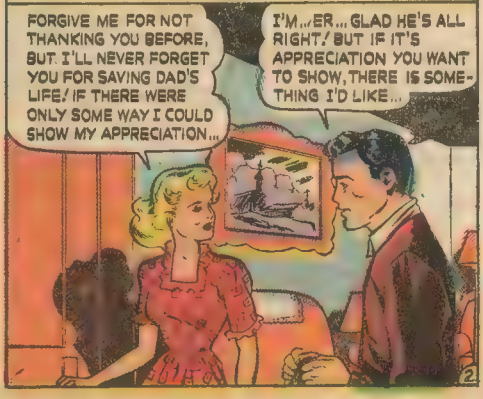
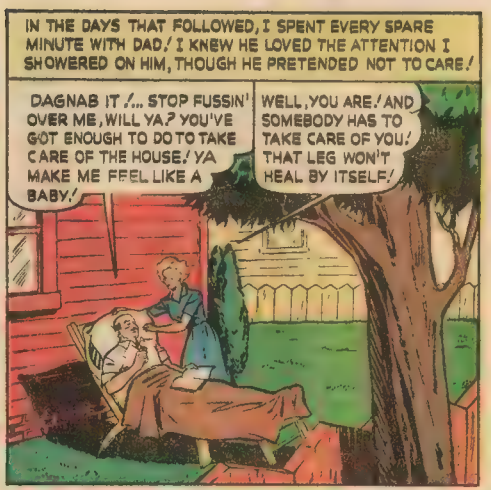


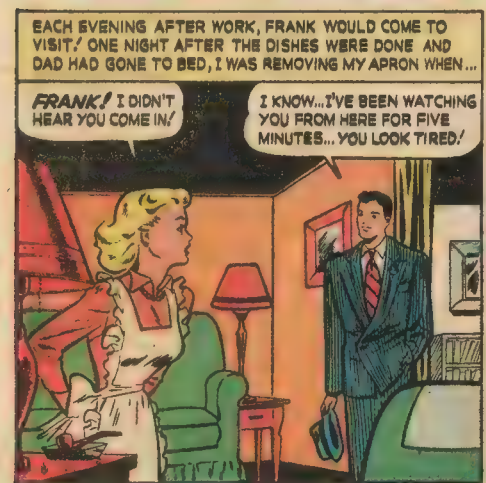

HE'S COMING TO, NOW... ANOTHER TEN MINUTES DOWN THERE AND HE'D HAVE BEEN A GONER./
TAKE ME HOME, DARLIN'--AN' STOP YER CRYIN'./ I'LL BE ALL RIGHT./
AMBULANCE

FORTUNATELY DAD WAS BROUGHT UP IN TIME./ AFTER THE DOCTOR ADMINISTERED FIRST AID, I TOOK HIM HOME AND PUT HIM TO BED./ FRANK, THE MAN WHO HAD RESCUED DAD, WAS WAITING OUTSIDE...

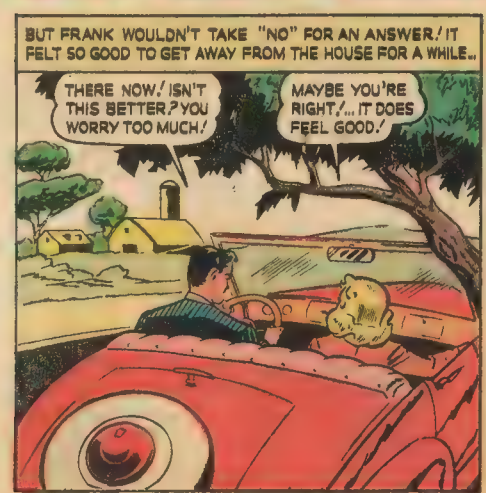

FORGIVE ME FOR NOT THANKING YOU BEFORE, BUT I'LL NEVER FORGET YOU FOR SAVING DAD'S LIFE./ IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY I COULD SHOW MY APPRECIATION...
I'M...ER... GLAD HE'S ALL RIGHT./ BUT IF IT'S APPRECIATION YOU WANT TO SHOW, THERE IS SOMETHING I'D LIKE...

I'D LIKE VERY MUCH TO SEE YOU AGAIN,.. AND YOUR FATHER, TOO, OF COURSE./
YOU'LL ALWAYS BE WELCOME IN THIS HOUSE, FRANK... ALWAYS./


IN THE DAYS THAT FOLLOWED, I SPENT EVERY SPARE MINUTE WITH DAD./ I KNEW HE LOVED THE ATTENTION I SHOWERED ON HIM, THOUGH HE PRETENDED NOT TO CARE./
DAGNAB IT./... STOP FUSSIN' OVER ME, WILL YA.? YOU'VE GOT ENOUGH TO DO TO TAKE CARE OF THE HOUSE./ YA MAKE ME FEEL LIKE A BABY./
WELL, YOU ARE./ AND SOMEBODY HAS TO TAKE CARE OF YOU./ THAT LEG WON'T HEAL BY ITSELF./


EACH EVENING AFTER WORK, FRANK WOULD COME TO VISIT./ ONE NIGHT AFTER THE DISHES WERE DONE AND DAD HAD GONE TO BED, I WAS REMOVING MY APRON WHEN...
FRANK! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU COME IN./
I KNOW... I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FROM HERE FOR FIVE MINUTES... YOU LOOK TIRED./

LOOK, KID -- INSTEAD OF SITTING IN AGAIN TONIGHT, WHY DON'T YOU AND I GO SOMEWHERE.? I GOT MY JALOPY OUTSIDE, AND MAYBE WE COULD...
OH... I DON'T KNOW, FRANK./ I'D LOVE TO BUT I WONDER IF I SHOULD LEAVE DAD./


BUT FRANK WOULDN'T TAKE "NO" FOR AN ANSWER./ IT FELT SO GOOD TO GET AWAY FROM THE HOUSE FOR A WHILE..
THERE NOW./ ISN'T THIS BETTER.? YOU WORRY TOO MUCH./
MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT,/... IT DOES FEEL GOOD./

ABOUT A HALF-HOUR LATER WE STOPPED AT A ROADSIDE CAFÉ FOR A SNACK./ THEN SOMEONE PUT A COIN IN THE JUKE BOX... AND FRANK SWEPT ME INTO HIS ARMS./
I LIKE BEING WITH YOU, ANN./ WE OUGHT TO MAKE IT A REGULAR HABIT./
FRANK... YOU HAVE SUCH A STRANGE WAY OF PUTTING THINGS./
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IN TIME WE DID MAKE IT A HABIT, AND I SAW FRANK ALMOST EVERY NIGHT./ SOMEHOW HIS CAREFREE ATTITUDE FASCINATED ME...I LIKED BEING WITH HIM./THEN, ONE NIGHT AFTER BEING OUT, I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ENTER THE HOUSE WHEN FRANK TOOK MY HAND...

FRANK...IT'S GETTING LATE./

C'MERE, ANN...THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME./

THEN FRANK PULLED ME CLOSE TO HIM, AND TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS./ I FELT MYSELF BREATHING HEAVILY...I WANTED TO SPEAK BUT THE WORDS JAMMED IN MY THROAT./

FRANK, I...

IN ANOTHER MOMENT HIS LIPS WERE PRESSING SAVAGELY ON MINE, AND I WAS LOST IN THE SPELL OF HIS EMBRACE./

OUR LIPS PARTED./ FRANK SPOKE FIRST...

ANN...I WANT YOU FOR MY WIFE...IF YOU'LL HAVE ME./

OH YES, FRANK... YES./

AFTER FRANK LEFT, I RUSHED INSIDE TO TELL DAD THE NEWS...

THE MAIN THING IS YOUR HAPPINESS, DARLIN'./

I KNOW I'LL BE HAPPY, DAD./

ONE NIGHT ABOUT A WEEK LATER, AFTER BEING OUT WITH FRANK, I OPENED THE DOOR OF OUR HOUSE AND HEARD DAD'S VOICE CALL OUT...

ANN.? IS THAT YOU.? COME IN HERE, I WANT YOU TO MEET SOMEONE./

DAD.? ARE YOU STILL UP.? I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE HAVING COMPANY./

AS SOON AS I ENTERED THE ROOM, MY EYES LEAPED TO THE MAN WITH FATHER. HE WAS A MAN I HAD NEVER SEEN BEFORE...YET SOMEHOW THE SIGHT OF HIM AND THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE SENT STRANGE QUIVERS THROUGH ME. DAD INTRODUCED US...

HELLO, BURT. I'VE HEARD DAD SPEAK OF YOU, BUT NEVER PICTURED YOU SO YOUNG. I THOUGHT DAD'S CO-WORKER WOULD LOOK DIFFERENT.

BURT JUST CAME OUT OF THE HOSPITAL A FEW DAYS AGO. HE WAS WORKING NEAR ME WHEN THE EXPLOSION WENT OFF.

I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND MY VISITING YOUR FATHER LIKE THIS. THE MOMENT I GOT OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, I HAD TO COME TO SEE HOW HE WAS.

AFTER BURT LEFT I TRIED TO SLEEP BUT I COULDN'T. JUST A FEW DAYS BEFORE, I HAD PROMISED TO MARRY FRANK, AND THERE I WAS DREAMING ABOUT BURT... A MAN I HARDLY KNEW. I'D FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HIM AT FIRST SIGHT... OR SO I THOUGHT.

YOU'RE A FOOL, ANN--AN UTTER FOOL.

THE NEXT MORNING I AWOKE WITH THE DETERMINATION TO FORGET MY FOOLISH FEELINGS OF THE NIGHT BEFORE. BUT THEN, WHEN I HAD ALMOST SUCCEEDED, I SAW BURT COMING UP THE WALK. MY HEART WAS THUMPING MADLY AS I TRIED DESPERATELY TO APPEAR CASUAL...

HELLO, BURT... AREN'T YOU WORKING?

NOT YET. STILL RECUPERATING... I THOUGHT I'D COME AROUND AND SPEND A LITTLE TIME WITH YOU AND YOUR DAD... HE'S A SWELL GUY.

AND SO IT WENT EACH DAY. BURT WOULD COME TO SEE DAD, YET SOMEHOW I KNEW IT WAS A PRETENSE TO SEE ME. FOR, IN SPITE OF OUR CASUAL WORDS, I SAW A LOOK OF STRONG INTEREST IN BURT'S EYES. IT WAS AN INTEREST I DARED NOT ENCOURAGE... MINE WAS A SECRET LOVE THAT HAD TO DIE.

OH, BURT... BURT...

THAT NIGHT I HAD A DATE WITH FRANK, AND I WAS GLAD OF IT, FOR IT HELPED TO REMIND ME OF MY PROMISE TO HIM. FURTHERMORE, I KNEW I COULD NEVER HURT HIM... AFTER WHAT HE HAD DONE FOR DAD.

WHAT'S THE MATTER, KID? YOU LOOK UPSET. MAYBE YOU DON'T FEEL LIKE GOING OUT WITH ME TONIGHT, HUH?

OF COURSE I DO... WHATEVER GAVE YOU THAT IDEA?

I UNDERSTAND BURT COLLINS HAS BEEN AT YOUR HOUSE QUITE OFTEN.

BURT COLLINS? OH NO, FRANK. HE DOESN'T COME TO SEE ME. HE'S A FRIEND OF DAD'S.

THE NEXT DAY I DECIDED TO ASK FATHER TO TELL BURT NOT TO COME AROUND AGAIN./ BUT, AS THE HOURS PASSED, I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO DO IT./ ABOUT NOON BURT CAME IN...

HI, POP./ HI, ANN./ SAY, ANN-- I HEAR THERE'S A SWELL MOVIE IN TOWN./ WOULD YOU CARE TO GO WITH ME?

OH NO, BUT I... OH, I'M SORRY, DAD./

MAYBE YOU'D BETTER GO./ YOU'VE BEEN JUMPY ALL MORNING... IT MIGHT DO YOU GOOD TO RELAX./

THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME BURT HAD HINTED FOR A DATE./ I TRIED IN EVERY WAY TO GET OUT OF IT, BUT MY DESIRE TO BE WITH BURT FOR AT LEAST ONE TIME WAS TOO GREAT TO RESIST AND I AGREED TO GO./

BURT, I THOUGHT YOU WANTED TO SEE THE MOVIE./ YOU'RE NOT EVEN LOOKING AT THE SCREEN./

ANN... I LOVE YOU!... WITH ALL MY HEART./ FORGIVE ME FOR BEING SO BLUNT./ I'VE WANTED TO TELL YOU SO MANY TIMES, YET, SOMEHOW I...

BURT... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU CAN'T MEAN IT./

BUT I DO, DARLING./ I'VE LOVED YOU FROM THE FIRST MOMENT I SAW YOU! WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE SEEING FRANK, I TRIED TO FORGET YOU, BUT I COULDN'T...

IT WAS HARD ENOUGH LOVING HIM./ BUT THE THOUGHT OF HIS LOVING ME, AND AN INABILITY TO ACCEPT HIS LOVE... WAS MORE THAN I COULD BEAR./ I TORE MYSELF FROM HIS ARMS AND RAN UP THE AISLE...

ANN... ***WAIT! PLEASE!***

I RAN ALL THE WAY HOME, WITH BURT'S WORDS STILL RINGING IN MY EARS./ I THREW MYSELF ON THE COUCH AND CRIED BITTERLY./ I WAS TORN BETWEEN MY LOVE FOR BURT AND MY OBLIGATION TO FRANK... FATHER TRIED TO HELP, BUT WHAT COULD ANYONE DO?

ANN DARLIN', WON'T YOU TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG? WHAT HAPPENED? IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

NO, DAD./ I'LL GET OVER IT... JUST LET ME BE./ I CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT NOW./

SHORTLY AFTERWARDS DAD LEFT THE ROOM... BUT SOMEHOW I FELT I WASN'T ALONE! THEN I LOOKED UP AND THERE STOOD BURT/

ANN, I HAD TO FOLLOW YOU... I...

IT'S NO USE, BURT./ YOU MIGHT AS WELL KNOW NOW THAT I'VE PROMISED TO MARRY FRANK... AND NOTHING COULD CHANGE THAT./

AS I GOT UP TO LEAVE THE ROOM, BURT TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS AND I FELT MYSELF WEAKEN. I HAD TO BE STRONG THEN, OR NEVER...
ANN, HOW CAN YOU DECEIVE YOUR HEART THAT WAY? YOU LOVE ME AS I LOVE YOU...I KNOW THAT. TELL ME THAT IT'S TRUE!
YES...YES,... IT'S TRUE, BUT OUR LOVE CAN NEVER BE!
BUT WHY, ANN? WHY? ...WE LOVE EACH OTHER, THAT'S ALL THAT COUNTS!
NO, BURT! THERE ARE OTHER THINGS BESIDES LOVE...I HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO FRANK. I CAN'T FORGET THAT HE SAVED DAD'S LIFE. I COULDN'T HURT HIM!
IS THAT WHAT FRANK TOLD YOU? HE NEVER SAVED YOUR FATHER! I DID! I SAVED THEM BOTH AND SENT THEM UP THE SHAFT TOGETHER. THEN, AFTER THAT, A FALLING BEAM GOT ME!
BURT! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
YES, ANN! BURT IS TELLING THE TRUTH! HE DID SAVE US BOTH!
AND, FURTHERMORE, FRANK WAS THE ONE WHO CAUSED THE EXPLOSION, WITH HIS CARELESS CIGARETTE SMOKIN'! I DON'T HOLD THAT AGAINST HIM, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT FRANK WOULD STOOP TO TWISTING THE FACTS TO HIS OWN ADVANTAGE! YOU OWE HIM NOTHING!
OH, DAD! HOW COULD HE HAVE LET ME BELIEVE THAT?
EASY, ANN...DON'T BLAME FRANK TOO MUCH! MAYBE HE LOVED YOU AND COULDN'T BRING HIMSELF TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENED!
AND TO THINK I ALMOST LOST YOU FOREVER!
THEN, TO CONVINCE ME THAT IT WAS ALL TRUE, BURT DREW ME TO HIM AND OUR LIPS MET, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IN A HEAVENLY CARESS OF UTTER BLISS! THUS, WITH NOTHING STANDING BETWEEN US ANY LONGER, WE WERE AS ONE, FOREVER...MY SECRET LOVE AND I!
BUT YOU HAVEN'T LOST ME, ANN... THERE'S NOTHING TO KEEP US APART NOW!
OH, DARLING -- I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
THE END

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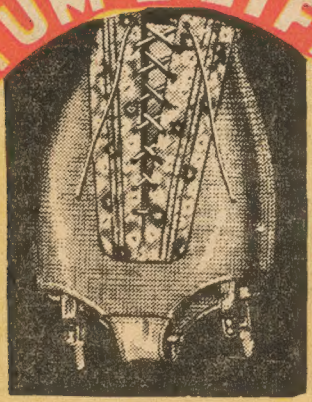

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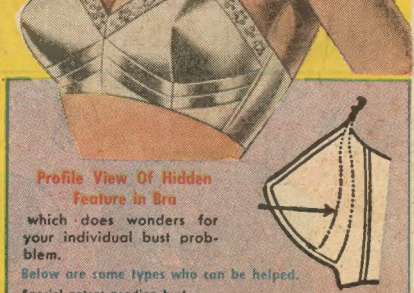

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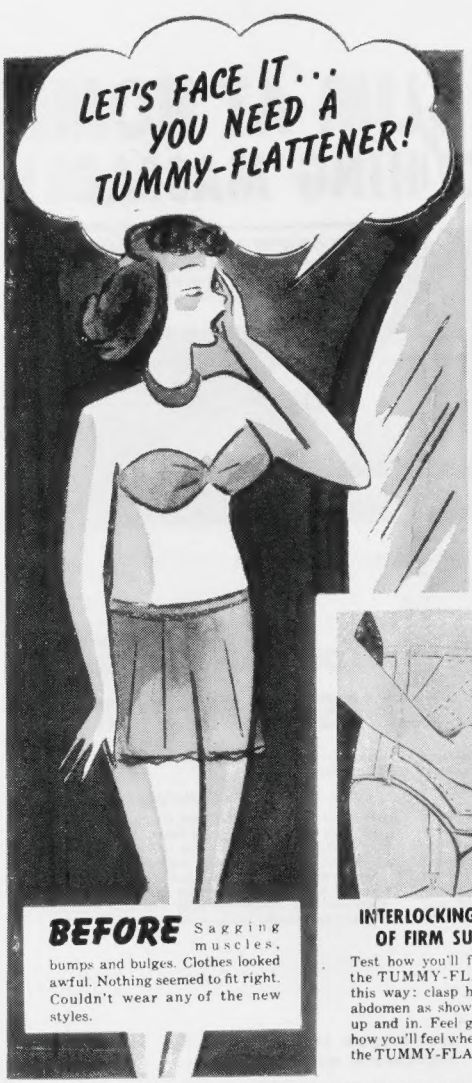

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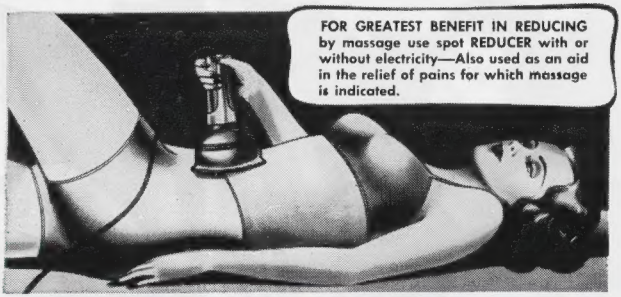

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